

# Wasatch Co. Building Survey

Name of Building: Thomas Rasband Home

Information Required	Date Found
Location:	
Address: <u>288 No Main St.</u> Town: <u>Heber</u>	
Architect:	
Builders:	
Building Material: <u>Early hand-made pink brick</u>	
Style of Building: <u>2 Story</u>	
Date Built:	
Original Owners: <u>Thomas Rasband</u>	
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Subsequent Owners:	
<u>Joe Olpin, Guy Olpin, Mark Olpin</u>	
Notes:	
References: 1.	
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The home of Thomas Rasband, one of the early brick homes. Standing in front of the home are Josephine Booth Rasband, Elizabeth Giles Rasband and Mary Greenwood Giles.



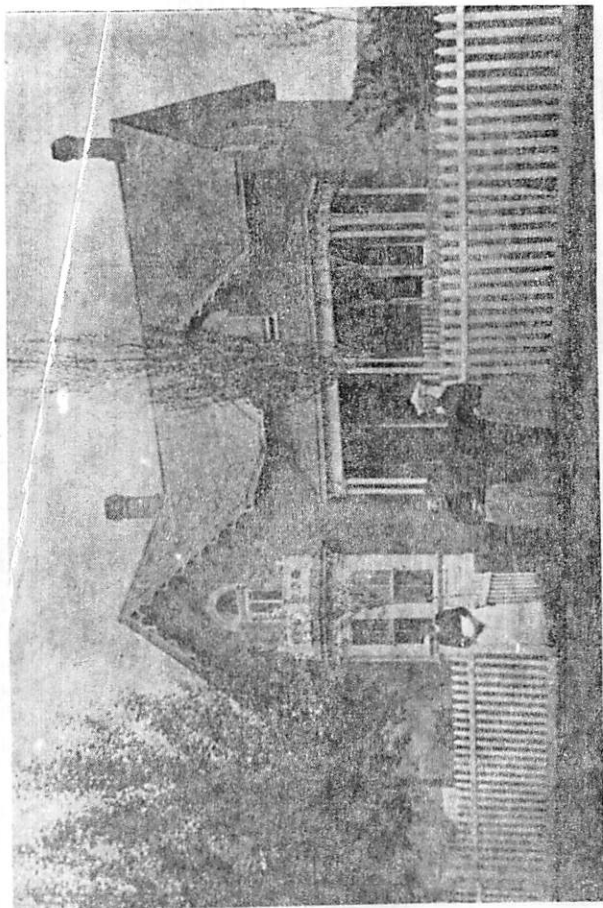
the seeds of settlement at a spring they called London. The London campsite became the largest settlement and when the area was designated as Wasatch County in 1862 the town became Heber City, the county seat.

The early Heber history is filled with stories of discouragement and struggle as the colonizers attempted to win new homes from rough nature. Yet through all the history is woven a strong thread of faith and determination, the fruits of which are being borne even today in a valley of peace and plenty.

In addition to raising crops and caring for their cattle, the early settlers had to build homes for their families and work on roads, canals, bridges, and public buildings. The early log homes had dirt roofs and dirt floors. Home made furniture included stools made from split logs, smoothed with an axe and finished with crude legs. Tables and beds were also made in the same rough way. However, President Brigham Young sent a skilled carpenter, William Bell to the valley and he began to teach the people how to make useful and attractive furniture.

It was 1863 before lumber became available for flooring and before shingles were made to replace the dirt roofs. Dave Stevenson is said to have made the first shingles by hand in the valley.

While settling was still going on, President Young called men on special missions to drive ox teams and wagons across the plains to help bring new settlers to the Rocky Mountain empire. In 1861 three men and teams were the first to be called from Heber City to make the five-



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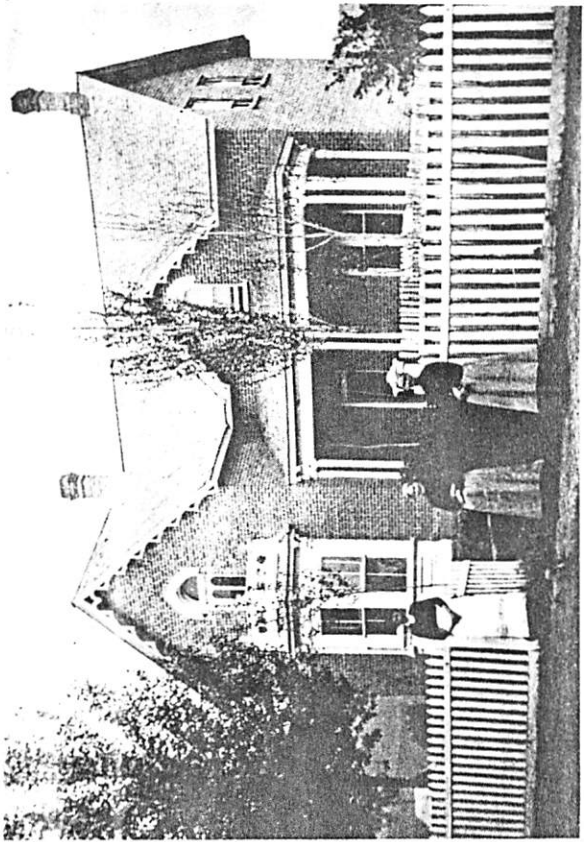
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*Home of first Bishop of Heber Second Ward. This home was East of Main Street, but boundaries were drawn around the home so he could be bishop. This home later became Olpin Mortuary.*